

IMMEDIATE

No. 0404/c.855



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Representatives, and International Organisations (DCIOs) and, with reference to the Ministry's Note No. 0905/c.575 dated 31 March B.E. 2563 (2020), forwarding documents related to the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation B.E. 2548 (2005), effective as of 26 March 2020 to 30 April 2020, has the honour to inform the latter as follows:

1. On 2 April 2020, Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha announced a nationwide curfew between 22.00 to 04.00 hrs. in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, to be effective from 3 April 2020 onwards until further notice. The curfew is in line with Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No.2). The unofficial English translation of Regulation (No.2) is attached herewith for the DCIO's information.

2. As a State Party to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 as well as applicable Host Country Agreements between Thailand and International Organizations, the Royal Thai Government reaffirms its commitment to upholding privileges and immunities of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Representatives in Thailand, particularly but not limit to, ensuring to all members of the missions freedom of movement and travel to perform their duties in its territory. As a consequence, travel restrictions derived from the Regulation (No.2) shall not imply a limitation or suspension of the DCIOs' functional necessities.

3. In views of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, the Ministry kindly seek the latter's cooperation to strictly follow the Royal Thai Government's regulations on public health and social measures to ensure the safety of the general public including members of the DCIOs and their families.

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THAILAND.

4. Nonetheless, if members of the DCIOs deem it necessary to leave the premises during curfew hours, it is instructed that they should carry their DCIOs ID Card issued by the Department of Protocol at all times and only use vehicles with registered DCIOs number plates. In case of emergency, the DCIOs can contact the Diplomatic Privilege and Immunity Division's designated officer's Hotline Number at 092 223 0433.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Representatives, and International Organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.



(Unofficial Translation)

Regulation
Issued under Section 9
of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)
(No. 2)

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Regulation (No. 1) issued on 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020);

In order to have additional measures as are necessary to quickly remedy the emergency situation, by virtue of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), the Prime Minister hereby issues an additional Regulation (No. 2) as follows:

1. It is prohibited for any person in the Kingdom to leave their dwelling places from the time of 22.00hrs to 04.00hrs of the following day, except when necessary or except for those who carry out tasks in the medical field, banking, transportation of consumer goods, agricultural produce, medicine, medical supplies, medical equipment, newspaper, transportation of fuel and petrol, courier service, transportation of goods for import or export, the relocation of persons to isolated places for quarantine in accordance with laws on communicable diseases, and those leaving or assuming regular night shift work, or travelling to or from the airport, and while possessing documents supporting the necessity or documents relating to the goods or travel, and applying disease prevention measures as prescribed in Regulation (No. 1); or those who are officials carrying out tasks under various regulations, notifications or orders; or those who have any other necessities upon the permission of competent officials.

Any person who violates this Clause shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not more than forty-thousand baht, or to both, in accordance with Section 18 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005).

2. In cases where there are notifications or orders that prohibit, warn or advise in the same manner as Clause 1 paragraph one for any province, area or place in which conditions or timeframes are more stringent or stricter than this Regulation, such notifications or orders shall also continue to be complied with.

3. In cases where it is not possible to relocate persons who are in the process of travelling out of the Kingdom, the Provincial Communicable Disease Committees or the Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee shall provide an isolated place to monitor or quarantine such persons in order to prevent the spread of the disease, in accordance with specified conditions and timeframes.

This Regulation shall come into effect from 3 April B.E. 2563 (2020) until modified otherwise.

Issued on 2 April B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)
Prime Minister